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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday - 4:00pm @ SJESJ Sunday - 8:00am @ CSM Sunday - 9:30am @ SJESJ Sunday - 11:00am @ CSM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:30pm - 3:45pm @SJESJ Thursday - 5:00pm - 6:00pm @ CSM

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office of the Church you wish to have your child baptized or visit their website for some additional information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Parish Office of the Church you wish to be married one year before the wedding date or visit their website for some additional information.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Upon request and communally two (2) times per year.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners of St. John's/St. Joseph's and the Church of St. Mary,

"Lent is a time to focus on the things that truly matter, and to let go of the things that don't."

Anonymous

Well, Lent is well marching along. This is the third Sunday of Lent already! The quote above really can make us think of what truly matters to each one of us. I read this quote and it got me thinking about wanting to be liked, wanting to make a difference in the lives of the people I am serving and feeling I am happy where I am. Obviously, these things are important to me and as an extension, are important to you.

But then it got me thinking about the "Big Picture".... That we spend a certain amount of time on this earth and then hopefully we will spend our time in heaven for all eternity. So what do we have to focus on that truly matters? Well, since we will spend, hopefully, the greater balance of our time in heaven, I would think focusing on our relationship with God and Jesus matters the most. It also got me thinking about all the material things we attach ourselves to and all the things we spend our time doing that take up so much of our time and effort. Sure, while we are on this earth, we want to feel secure, have our needs met and enjoy life. But as I am thinking about life here, I am realizing that my relationship with God will satisfy all my needs. There is so much I spend so much energy on, but it takes time away from my relationship with God.

So, as I reflect on what takes me away from my relationship with God, maybe you all can take some time to think of what takes away from your relationship with God, that doesn't really make that much difference in the big picture.

God's Blessings on all of you, Fr. Tom

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next weekend our parishes will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.

Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT FOR: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4TH & 5TH COLLECTIONS	SJESJ	сѕм				
Offertory received from Regular Collection	\$2,046.00	\$4,037.00	7			
Offertory received from E-Giving	\$666.97	\$2,370.00	d gei			
Total offertory received from last week	\$2,712.97	\$6,407.00	Ple			
Budgeted weekly need from offertory	\$5,050.00	\$6,685.00	1			
Last week's difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$2,337.03	-\$278.00	"S Cli			
Year to date actual offertory	\$125,239.89	\$233,593.77	or Jo			
Year to date budgeted offertory	\$181,800.00	\$240,660.00				
Year to date difference ("-" is shortfall; "+" is overage)	-\$56,560.11	-\$7,066.23				

Thanks to all who demonstrate such generous care for our parishes!
Please remember our parishes in your will...we are:
"St. Mary's Church, Clinton Heights, NY" or "The Parish of St, John the Evangelist' St. Joseph"

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS						
DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION		
Sat	03/11	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+JOHN TOBIN, by Mary Tobin & Family		
Sun	03/12	8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+BINK & PAUL COLLINS, by their Children +CARMEN ROSANO, by Mary Lou Knox & Family +JOHN J. MALONE, by his Family +ERIC (BUB) SMITH, 2nd Anniv., by Mark & Susan Carey +DANIEL MCCARTHY, by Donna & Tom Ehmann and Rose & Al Censullo		
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+COLLEEN DAVITT MALLORY, by Carol Davitt		
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+JERE COLLINS, by the Family +RALPH PINTO, Birthday Remembrance, by Judy Pinto +RAY TESIERO, by Jerry, Dorothy, Brad, Lori & Boys +MARY A. CATALDO, by her daughter, Mary Ann		
Mon	03/13			No Mass		
Tue	03/14	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+REVEREND CARL A. URBAN		
Wed	03/15	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+REVEREND SIGMUND OLSZEWSKI		
Thu	03/16	12:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+REVEREND CHARLES LOCKWOOD		
Fri	03/17	8:30 ^{AM}	CSM	+HELENMARIE MOSHER, by Pat Mosher +JACK MULLALLY, by his friends		
Sat	03/18	4:00 ^{PM}	SJESJ	+JAMES WHITE, JR., by Jack, Brian & Sheila Millea		
Sun (03/19	8:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ERKKILA & MCATEER FAMILIES, by Pat Erkkila +COLLEEN M. CAREY, 6 th Anniv., by Mark & Susan Carey		
		9:30 ^{AM}	SJESJ	+FOR DECEASED PRIESTS IN THE ALBANY DIOCESE		
		11:00 ^{AM}	CSM	+THOMAS J. REARDON, by the Reardon Family +ALPHONSO RANGEL, by Frances Girzone +THERESA SWAHLAN, by Pat Bruso		

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2023

March - For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



CONSERNS-U

ST. MARY'S SUPPORT TO-CONSERNS-U. Their pantry needs this week are: instant pudding and canned pie filling for their Easter baskets. Thank you so much for your continuous support.

Cans and bottles redeemable in New York can be donated at St. Mary's. Please rinse all containers. Leave caps on to prevent crushed bottles. (Open containers are still accepted.) Keep them in tied bags; nothing loose and place in the green dumpster by the Church garage. Thank you for supporting Conserns-U.

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

2022/2023 Formation Year

Elementary Program (Grades - K-5)

- 18th Session, Sunday, 03/19/23; 9:30am 10:45am
- 19th Session, Sunday, 03/26/23; 9:30am 10:45am

Middle School Program (Grades - 6-8)

- 9th Session, Monday, 03/13/23; 7:00pm 8:30pm
- 10th Session, Monday, 03/27/23; 7:00pm 8:30pm

High School Program (Grades - 9-10)

- 10th Session, Monday, 03/20/23; 7:00pm 8:30pm
- 11th Session, Monday, 04/03/23; 7:00pm 8:30pm

1st Eucharist Family Prep

- 19th Session, Sunday, 3/26/23; 9:30am 10:45am
- 20th Session, Sunday, 4/02/23; 9:30am 10:45am

If you have not signed up for the prep classes, please call Maureen Billa at 518-449-2232, Ext. 12 to schedule a time.

FAITH FORMATION



A REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS



When school is delayed or closed due to weather conditions, it DOES NOT mean faith formation and youth ministry sessions and activities are cancelled. Sessions cancelled due to inclement weather will be posted on Facebook, Twitter, Church of St. Mary's web page (www.stmaryny.org - check the calendar under upcoming events) and through the School Closing Network, as Church of St. Mary NOT St. Mary's (channels 6, 9, 10 & 13).

Please Note: Weather conditions in the Capital District can vary substantially from one neighborhood to the next. Even though the building may be open or an event has not been cancelled, only you can decide whether conditions in your area will allow for safe travel. Please use your own best judgment regarding travel conditions in your area.

CLYNK BOTTLE RETURN



We are in need of people to help with our Clynk bottle returns. If anyone is interested in joining this team, call the CSM Parish Office at 518-449-2232. Training will be provided.

Thank you!

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please register as a parishioner! We will automatically get you subscribed to **The Evangelist**, the diocesan newspaper. We will send you offertory envelopes or get you signed-up for e-giving so that you can track your contributions to the parish. You will be on our parish rolls to make things go smoothly when it is time for a wedding, baptism, funeral, or other needs. **You can also call either Parish Office to register.**

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SJESJ NEWS

Honored for the Month of March

Bread and Wine: For Deceased Members of the Parish

Sanctuary Light: Francesca Russomanno, by Rose & Al Censullo

Prayer Services - Queen of Peace Prayer Group

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will meet in the Parish Office on **Mondays, March 13th and March 27th**, at 1:00pm. All are welcome.

Cans & Bottles Still Wanted at SJESJ

SJESJ is still collecting cans and bottles for donation. They may be left on the left side of the carport, in the landing area, near the back door of the Parish Offices. If you can help, please consider dropping them off. If you have any questions please contact the parish office at 518-465-0482.

Conserns-u

In this time of need, please remember those who don't have enough to eat and drop off food for CoNSERNS-U in the back of Church. Also, personal care items are always in demand.

First Friday Adoration

Adoration will take place the First Friday (**April 7, 2023**) of every month at 5:00pm in the Church of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph.

Bible Study

Would you like to break open the Gospel of Luke? Bible study will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm - 8:00pm at the Rectory of St. John the Evangelist/St. Joseph. This will be an informal discussion on Luke's Gospel. All you need is your bible and an eagerness to discuss God's word. The next date is **Tuesday, March 14**th. Hope to see you there!

CSM NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be on the Mondays listed below at 6:00pm in the Chapel.

- March 13th
- March 20th
- March 27th



Grief Support

The next meeting of the Grief Support Group will be **Tuesday**, **April 4th**, **at 1:00pm** at CSM in the Raphael Room. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm.

Paint & Sip

Join us on Sunday, March 26th from 3:00pm - 4:30pm for a fun afternoon with mocktails and art making! You can enjoy one of our mocktails or bring your own. Our own Church of St. Mary artist Shelby Harrison will lead us in a low stress and high fun process to create watercolor paintings of beautiful spring flowers.



There are sign-up sheets at the entrance of the Church until March 19, 2023.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life, an international bi-annual campaign to end abortion through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, began on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, and will run through Palm Sunday, April 2nd. In our parishes, we have two initiatives going on to support this endeavor.



Jennifer Corso-Yasus of Holy Spirit is coordinating a weekly prayer carpool to say the Rosary in cars in front of Planned Parenthood facilities in Albany and/or Troy. The plan is to meet up and head over to one of the locations on Fridays at 2:15 pm. If you are interested in joining them, contact Jen via text or phone call at 518-334-2066.

Steve Janenka of St. John's/St. Joseph's is coordinating a prayer vigil to be held in front of one of the Planned Parenthoods. Everyone is welcome and he is especially interested in young people joining this group. If you are under 18 and would like to participate, you must have a parent or guardian accompany you OR give Steve a permission slip from the same that you are allowed to participate. If you are interested, contact Steve at 518-573-8641.

LENTEN ACTIVITES

Stations of the Cross

We will be offering Stations of the Cross. Below are the dates, times, and locations:

Friday, March 17, 2023 - 3:00pm
 Friday, March 24, 2023 - 3:00pm
 Friday, March 31, 2023 - 3:00pm
 CMS

Living Stations will be on Friday, April 7, 2023 - 12:05pm at CSM

Penance Services

We will also be offering Penance Services as below:

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 - 12:00Noon - SJESJ
 Wednesday, March 22, 2023 - 7:00pm - CSM

Movies During Lent

"The Saints Come Marching In." Movies during Lent of different Saints in the St. Mary's Parish Hall.

When: Thursdays - March 16th, March 23rd, & March 30th

Time: 2:30pm and 6:30pm

March 16th March 23rd Kateri Tekakwitha - 50 mins.
March 30th Ocean of Mercy - 1 hr. 5 mins.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

The First United Methodist Church on 1 Gilligan Road, East Greenbush, will be holding Lenten reflections followed by a soup and bread meal on Wednesday's March 15th, 22nd, and 29th at 12:00 Noon. This year there will only be three churches participating. The Church of St. Mary's is hosting the soup and bread meal on March 29th for 50-70 people.

REVERENCE OF LIFE



We will be collecting Easter baskets on Sundays March 19th and 26th to help assist Circles of Mercy in sponsoring Easter baskets for needy children between the ages of 1 to 12 years living in Rensselaer. Circles of Mercy is an outreach center for poor and low-income families that is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community. More than nineteen years ago in 2002, Mercy Associates started for Circles what has become a yearly tradition, of providing Easter baskets to children of our client families. This holiday program is known as "Easter Baskets for Cate's Kids."

We are asking that the <u>clear cellophane-wrapped Easter baskets</u> include the following items: coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, facial tissues, toothpaste and toothbrushes, dental floss, hair combs and brushes, age-appropriate (1 to 12 years old) small stuffed animals, toys, small games, reading books, and of course different types of traditional candy.

Bless you for your generosity!

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



It is that time of the year again! If you would like a tax contribution statement for last year's donations, please contact Ben Patten at the Parish Offices by phone 518-465-0482 (St. John's/St. Joseph) or 518-449-2232, ext. 13 (CSM). You can also e-mail Ben at siesiparish@aol.com (SJE/SJ), or ben@stmaryny.org (CSM).

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Remember that if East Greenbush Central Schools or Rensselaer Schools are delayed or cancelled on a given day, the daily 8:30am and 12:00 Noon Masses will be cancelled.



WE PRAY TO THE LORD

For Our Sick

Fric Allen Nicholas Conte John Amedio Jeremiah Coonley Joseph Bradley Ida Connolly Tom Brownell Mary Corvino Patricia Bruso Tasha D'Alessandro Denise Buono **Judy Davis** Marilyn Burt Bernadette Dawson William Burt Barbara Farrell Carole Farrell Rosa Camaj Mary Beth Centrella Jack Farrell

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For Our Soldiers

John Conte

Salvatore Abbamonte Paul Bednarcyzk Mason Albert Rvan Johnson Andrew Barresi

Keenan Krenzer Sean Markham Noah Keneston-Colby Garrett McDonald

Brian Murphy Corey Russo **Arthur Thornton** Please let us know if, or when, we can remove someone's name, or if someone should be added to this list. Call the Parish Office at CSM - (518) 449-2232 or at SJESJ -(518) 465-0482.

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

The Parish of The Church of St. Mary at Clinton Heights and The Parish of St. John the Evangelist/St. Joseph extend sincere condolences to the families of those who have died, especially

Anthony P. Pellera

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